



**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, May 8, 2021 via Zoom**

**Board Members in Attendance**

Annie Uribe Turner, Chair  
Jelynn LeBlanc Jamison, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair  
Carrie Gray, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair  
Dr. Sarah Baray, Secretary  
Dr. Gretcha Flinn  
Amy Grubbs  
Gwendolyn Jaramillo  
Wendy Kowalik  
Lori Johnson Leal  
Anthony Medina  
Brian Oley  
Amy Perry  
Erika Prosper  
Lea Ream  
Maritza Rodriguez  
Amy Shaw  
Claudia Smithwick  
Angie Salinas, CEO, Ex Officio

**Board Members Absent,  
Excused**

Jessica Mobley, Treasurer  
Luis de la Garza  
Monica Moore-Gonzalez  
Teri Grubb  
Lee Anne Keim  
Dr. Sandi Wolff

**Ex Officio Girl Board in  
Attendance**

Diya Ballal, Girl Board Chair  
Symantha Noel  
Ella Danica Arispe  
Miriam Barba  
Saumya Dwivedi  
Stella Marti  
Karina Valencia  
Ria Vazir  
Morgan Stone  
Vaibhavi Sunkara

**Girl Board Members Absent**

Monica Cruz  
Anju Soman

**Staff in Attendance**

Jody Shaw Hernandez, COO  
Blythe Simonson, CFO  
Stephanie Finleon Cortez, CDCO  
Leticia Martinez, EA

**Guests in Attendance**

Ellen Calhoun Denk, Studio Outside  
Morgan Williams, Gensler

**Call to Order**

Ms. Annie Uribe Turner, Chair, confirmed quorum calling the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. The meeting was virtual due to the pandemic.

Ms. Ballal, Girl Board Chair, led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Girl Scout Promise. The new Girl Board 2021-2022 were introduced followed by their Investiture Ceremony.

The following items were presented for approval in the Consent Agenda:

- March 27, 2021 Annual Meeting of the Board Meeting Minutes

Dr. Baray, Board Member, moved to approve. It was seconded, and the motion carried.

**Chair Update**

The Chair shared opening remarks and welcomed new Board members.

For the record, the Chair stated the following action taken by the Executive Committee at their last meeting held on May 5, 2021:

- The Executive Committee voted to approve the appointment of Lori Johnson Leal to serve as the Chair of the Board Development Committee for 2021-2023

Ms. LeBlanc Jamison, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, moved to ratify the decision made by the Executive Committee on May 5, 2021. It was seconded and the motion carried.

For the record, the Chair stated the following decisions she made as Board Chair in accordance with our Bylaws:

- Board Member Lea Ream has been appointed to serve as the Member at Large on the Executive Committee
- Board Member Gwendolyn Jaramillo has been appointed to serve as the Board Liaison to the Volunteer Advisory Team for 2021-2022
- Diya Ballal, Girl Board Chair, has been invited to participate in Executive Committee meetings for this term.

#### CEO Update

Ms. Salinas deferred to Ms. Hernandez, COO who presented the COVID-19 Strategy 2.0 update.

Ms. Finleon Cortez, CDCO, presented on the GSUSA Brand Refresh Overview.

Ms. Salinas, CEO, provided an update on council activities and staff.

#### Attract and Retain a More Diverse Volunteer Base

Board Development Committee Chair, Ms. Johnson Leal, introduced the five new Board members present.

- On behalf of the BDC, Ms. Johnson Leal, moved to accept the resignation of Jay Uribe from the Board.
- Ms. LeBlanc Jamison, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, moved to approve. It was seconded, and the motion carried.

Board Member, Ms. Ream (outgoing VAT Liaison), provided an update on Volunteer Advisory Team projects.

#### Increase and Diversify Funding

Ms. Simonson, CFO, delivered the financial report ending March 31, 2021. (\*)

Ms. Kowalik, Investment Committee Chair, delivered the investment report.

Ms. Gray, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, delivered the Fund Development Report for May 5, 2021.

- As the first meeting of the new Board term, she reminded all Board members to complete their Declaration Packets for giving.
- She challenged each Board member to recruit at least one new Juliette's Circle member this upcoming year.

#### Provide Engaging Programs for Girls

There was no new Risk Management Committee update.

Long Range Property Committee Chair, Mr. Oley, welcomed guest presenters:

- Ellen Calhoun Denk, Studio Outside, and Morgan Williams, Gensler, presented an update on the Backyard Plan. Discussion and Q&A followed.

Mr. Oley, LRPP Committee Chair, moved to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss a time sensitive TXDOT/Backyard property issue. Ms. Gray, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, seconded and the motion carried.

### New Business and Executive Session

The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 11:35 a.m. and reconvened at 12:16 p.m.

As a result of Executive Session,

- Ms. Ream, Board Member, moved that the Board move forward with the silent bidding process on the property described in Executive Session (presented by Mr. Oley, LRPP Chair). It was seconded by Ms. LeBlanc Jamison, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, and the motion carried.

For the record, the Chair stated the following action taken by the Executive Committee at their last meeting held on May 5, 2021:

- The Executive Committee moved to support any and all negotiations by the CEO related to the purchase of the 0.1961 acres of land abutting to the Sally Cheever Girl Scout Leadership Center.

Ms. Ream, Board Member, moved to ratify the decision made by the Executive Committee on May 5, 2021. It was seconded and the motion carried.

### Announcements & Adjourn:

The next Board of Directors meeting is Saturday, September 18, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Tentative location will be Camp La Jita.

The board adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

(\*) Jessica Mobley, Treasurer, was excused absent.